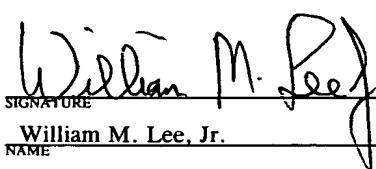


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| <b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES<br/>DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)<br/>CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>  |  | U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 C.F.R. 1.5)<br><b>09/673947</b> |  |
| INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.<br><b>PCT/FR99/01014</b>   | INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE<br><b>April 28, 1999</b> | PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED<br><b>April 28, 1998</b>                         |  |
| TITLE OF INVENTION<br><b>Food Dispensing Chest</b>   |  |  |  |
| APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US<br><b>Bernard Viville</b>  |  |  |  |
| Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:  |  |  |  |
| <p>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p>2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p>3. <input type="checkbox"/> This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 37 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).</p> <p>4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.</p> <p>5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))<br/>       a. <input type="checkbox"/> is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).<br/>       b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been transmitted by the International Bureau.<br/>       c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</p> <p>6. <input type="checkbox"/> A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).</p> <p>7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))<br/>       a. <input type="checkbox"/> are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).<br/>       b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been transmitted by the International Bureau.<br/>       c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.<br/>       d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</p> <p>8. <input type="checkbox"/> A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</p> <p>9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).</p> <p>10. <input type="checkbox"/> A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).</p> |  |  |  |
| <p><b>Items 11. to 16. below concern other document(s) or information included:</b></p> <p>11. <input type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.</p> <p>12. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</p> <p>13. <input type="checkbox"/> A <b>FIRST</b> preliminary amendment.<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> A <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> preliminary amendment.</p> <p>14. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</p> <p>15. <input type="checkbox"/> A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.</p> <p>16. <input type="checkbox"/> Other items or information:</p>  |  |  |  |

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| 17. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted:   |                               | CALCULATIONS      PTO USE ONLY |                        |     |  |
| <p><b>Basic National Fee</b> 37 CFR 1.492(a)(1)-(5):<br/>           Search Report has been prepared by the EPO or JPO.....\$1000.00</p> <p>International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482)..\$860.00</p> <p>No international preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482)<br/>           but international search fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) . . . . . \$710.00</p> <p>Neither international preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) nor<br/>           international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO . . . . . \$690.00</p> <p>International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482)<br/>           and all claims satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(2)-(4) . . . . . \$100.00</p> |                               |                                |                        |     |  |
| <b>ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT</b> =   |                               | \$860                          |                        |     |  |
| Surcharge of <b>\$130.00</b> for furnishing the oath or declaration later than <u>_ 20 _ 30</u> months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).   |                               |                                |                        |     |  |
| Claims  | Number Filed                  | Number Extra                   | Rate                   |     |  |
| Total Claims  | 10 - 20 =                     |                                | X \$18.00              | 0   |  |
| Independent Claims  | 1 - 3 =                       |                                | X \$80.00              | 0   |  |
| Multiple dependent claim(s) (if applicable)   |                               |                                | + \$270.00             | 270 |  |
| <b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS</b> =  |                               |                                | 1130                   |     |  |
| Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.   |                               |                                | 565                    |     |  |
| <b>SUBTOTAL</b> =   |                               |                                | 565                    |     |  |
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| <b>TOTAL NATIONAL FEE</b> =   |                               |                                | 565                    |     |  |
| Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). <b>\$40.00</b> per property +   |                               |                                | ---                    |     |  |
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| a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of <u>\$ 565</u> to cover the above fees is enclosed.  |                               |                                |                        |     |  |
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2. Check No. 41830 in the amount of \$565.00
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